

# **Statement of Governor Haley Barbour**

**April 19, 2005**

“I appreciate Lt. Governor Amy Tuck, Speaker Billy McCoy and the members of the House and Senate leadership for their willingness to meet today and begin working toward a budget for Mississippi.

Today’s meeting was constructive, and I hope it has provided a framework for the discussions over the next few days. Agreeing in advance on major budget issues and other essential legislation will help insure the coming special session is productive and brief.

I look forward to continuing to work with members of the House and Senate.”

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